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Prices were irregular, but generally trended higher on the larger sizes. The market tone was in a full range of steady to firm. Demand into all outlets was light to fairly good, best into retail features. Supplies were sufficient to close for trade needs. Breaking stock offerings were usually adequate for the moderate to occasionally good demand. Light type hens were fully sufficient to ample for the light demand.

NORTH ATLANTIC In Philadelphia, prices ranged 1-4 cents higher on the larger sizes; in Boston, prices were unchanged to 5 cents higher on the larger sizes, when based on previous week average pricing. Prices were unchanged on mediums and in New England. The market tone was fully steady to instances firm on the larger sizes and generally steady on the balance of sizes. Demand into all channels was light to moderate. Supplies were generally adequate for current trade needs. Breaking stock offerings were usually sufficient for the moderate to occasionally good demand. Light type hens were fully adequate to ample for the light demand.

MIDWEST Prices to producers in Iowa-Minnesota-Wisconsin were unchanged with prices in all other locations higher for the larger sizes and unchanged on medium and small. Trade sentiment was steady to instances fully steady for the larger sizes and generally steady on the balance. Cartoned and loose egg demand was fairly good to good with feature activity helping boost movement of mediums. Feature noted in Michigan on mediums at 3 dozen for \$1.00. Supplies were rated as generally adequate for the larger sizes and mixed on the lighter weights. Central states breaking stock and checks and undergrade prices were higher. Offerings were usually adequate for the moderate demand. Schedules full-time. Floor stocks adequate. Trade sentiment steady to instances fully steady.

CHICAGO Prices for all sizes unchanged. The market tone was steady to fully steady. Retail and food service demand moderate, instances good as some refilling the pipeline after the holiday. Supplies mixed larger sizes more closely balanced.

SOUTHERN In Atlanta and Florida prices were higher on the larger sizes and unchanged on the balance. The market tone ranged steady to firm entering the week. Demand was light to moderate best where features were in progress or planned. Supplies were adequate to close for trade needs. The average price on Grade A or better white cartoned large eggs delivered to volume buyers in the Southern region for the week ending May 24, 2002 was 47.31 cents, 2.40 cents more than a week earlier but was 14.51 cents less than last year. Breaking stock offerings were usually sufficient and demand was moderate to occasionally good. Breaking schedules for this week ranged normal to less than normal. Light type fowl were mostly fully sufficient to ample for the light demand.

WESTERN Prices 8-9 cents higher on jumbo, 6 cents higher on extra large, 5 cents higher on large, and unchanged on medium. The Pacific region inventory was 3% higher than last week with California down 3% and Oregon-Washington-Utah up 14%. Retailer demand moderate. Offerings light on the large sizes, adequate on mediums.

NEW YORK Prices were 1 cent higher on larger sizes and unchanged on medium eggs following the holiday weekend. The market tone remained firm on heavier weight eggs and steady on balance. Retail and distributive demand was mostly light to at times moderate. Supplies were usually adequate at current levels.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, OR WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.
NOT AVAILABLE

	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
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NORTHEAST CITIES

SOUTHERN CITIES

MIDWEST CITIES

WESTERN CITIES

(1) - Prices reported weekly (2) - Delivered Warehouse
(3) - Reported Invoice prices

CALIFORNIA Prices 9 cents higher on jumbo, 6 cents higher on extra large, 5 cents higher on large, and unchanged on medium and small. The California inventory was 3% lower than last week. Retailer demand mainly moderate. Offerings light on the large sizes, mediums adequate. Small benchmark price 49. Ads in Northern California: major- large 18 pack 2 for \$3, buy 1 get 1 free, organic large dozen 239-289, brown large dozen 199. PRICES INVOICE, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

RANGE			
JUMBO	94		
EXTRA LARGE	87		
LARGE	81		
MEDIUM	69		
PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.			
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA		NORTHERN CALIFORNIA	
RANGE		RANGE	
JUMBO	239-299	JUMBO	235-279
EXTRA LARGE	229-279	EXTRA LARGE	225-249
LARGE	199-219	LARGE	195-239
MEDIUM	179-199	MEDIUM	175-199

NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending May 31, 2002 will increase by 6 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending May 24, 2002 were 265,741 cases which was 3 percent above the prior week and 7 percent above estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	212,658	53,083	265,741
% change from the prior week.....	-3	+34	+3

Comparison figures are compiled on a matched plant basis. Purchases and estimates by 17 cooperators; 30 dozen cases or equivalent.

CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK All prices were higher. Offerings were usually adequate for the moderate demand. Schedules were mostly full-time. Floor stocks adequate. Trade sentiment steady to instances fully steady.
PRICES PAID TO 11:00 AM, MATERIAL EXCHANGED, 30 DOZEN CASE EQUIVALENT, 48 LB. MINIMUM NET WEIGHT, DELIVERED TO BREAKERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
NEST RUN	27-30	28-30
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	12-17	

CENTRAL STATES AREA:

AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Prices were slightly lower. Demand was fair for at least adequate offerings of spent heavy hens. Finished sales were fair. Schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was about steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *

FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 27-MAY-02

	RANGE CENTS/LB.	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	6-11.75	8.5-9	8.92

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Majority prices were slightly lower when compared to a week earlier. Demand was moderate for the mostly fully adequate offerings. Processing schedules were reported as less than normal to normal. Finished product supplies were at least sufficient for trade needs. The undertone was steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 27-MAY-02.

	RANGE CENTS/LB.	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	5-10.5	8-9	8.47
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING		TOO FEW TO REPORT	

FOB PLANT TOO FEW TO REPORT

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-AM May 28, 2002

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		NO	SO	SO	5-Area	
	Northeast	CENT	CENT	Atl	Pacific	
Jumbo	Curr Wk	8.1	17.8	12.9	13.0	12.1 63.9
	Change	-0.6	0.7	7.3	2.0	1.8 21%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	22.9	39.4	16.8	31.3	24.1 134.5
	Change	1.9	0.5	1.5	5.0	-3.7 4%
Large	Curr Wk	34.1	96.6	79.6	71.1	108.7 390.1
	Change	-0.3	4.9	5.9	3.6	-1.1 3%
Medium	Curr Wk	13.3	38.8	18.6	21.0	28.8 120.5
	Change	1.8	-0.4	0.6	-1.6	5.7 5%
Small	Curr Wk	3.5	5.0	3.0	5.9	3.1 20.5
	Change	-2.0	-2.9	-2.2	0.5	0.9 -22%
Misc	Curr Wk	7.5	17.0	9.2	9.7	6.0 49.4
	Change	3.8	-0.8	-3.3	-1.7	-0.2 -4%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	9.6	40.5	18.5	27.3	29.4 125.3
	Change	-4.5	-15.4	0.3	0.6	3.7 -11%
Total	Curr Wk	99.0	255.1	158.6	179.3	212.2 904.2
Percent	Change	0%	-5%	7%	5%	3% 1%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	904.2	1%	173
Shell Egg Breaking Stock 2/	292.7	4%	38
Total Shell Egg	1,196.9	2%	211

1/Information is supplied by a universe of 173 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. Sample does not represent total U.S. inventory but includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

CANADIAN EGGS MONTREAL: WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE TO RETAILERS (CANADIAN CENTS) GRADED IN CARTONS, AS REPORTED BY CANADA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 27, 2002.

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	181.4	178.4	169.4	113.6

MINIMUM PRODUCER PRICES FOB FARM FOR THE WEEK COMMENCING MAY 27, 2002 AS ESTABLISHED BY ONTARIO EGG AND FOWL PRODUCERS MARKETING BOARD.

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	141	141	131	77

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES— DAILY WTD AVERAGE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR MAY 24, 2002

CURRENT LOADS								FUTURE LOADS								TOTAL LOADS										
10.50								10.25								20.75										
SE				NE				MW				SC				NW				SW						
CLASS	ORG	DST		ORG	DST			CLASS	ORG	DST		ORG	DST			CLASS	ORG	DST		ORG	DST		ORG	DST		
GNR W 1	33.00	—		—	35.00	35.50	37.50	3.00	GNR W 1	—	38.00	—	—	—	—	—	GNR W 1	—	38.00	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00
GNR BR 1	—	—		33.00	34.00	—	—	1.00	GL W XL	—	48.00	—	—	—	—	—	GL W XL	—	48.00	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.50
GL W XL	—	—		—	44.00	40.00	—	4.50	GL W LG	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	GL W LG	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	.50	
GL W LG	—	—		—	—	—	—	1.00	GL W MD	28.00	—	—	—	—	—	—	GL W MD	28.00	—	—	—	—	—	34.40	2.50	
GL W MD	—	—		—	—	27.00	—	2.25																		
GL W SM	23.00	24.50		—	—	—	—	2.00																		
NRBS - 48	—	—		—	—	—	—	2.00																		
NRBS - 39	—	—		—	—	—	—	3.00																		
NRBS - 36	—	—		—	—	12.50	15.00	1.00																		

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES— WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 05/18/02-05/24/02

CURRENT LOADS				85.50				FUTURE LOADS				46.00				TOTAL LOADS				131.50			
SE				NE				MW				SC				NW				MW			
CLASS	ORG	DST		ORG	DST			ORG	DST	LOADS		CLASS	ORG	DST		ORG	DST			ORG	DST	LOADS	
GNR W XL	—	42.00		36.00	—			—	—	1.00		GNR W XL	35.00	36.00		—	—			—	—	1.00	
GNR W 1	33.25	36.22		31.50	34.14			35.00	35.94	28.00		GNR W 1	—	38.00		—	44.00			—	—	2.00	
GNR W 3	—	—		—	—			27.00	29.00	1.00		GNR BR 1	—	—		—	—			—	—	2.00	
GNR BR 1	—	38.00		33.00	34.00			—	—	3.00		GL W J	47.00	—		—	—			—	54.00	1.00	
GL W XL	—	44.83		39.20	42.25			39.21	—	38.75		GL W XL	46.00	46.00		—	—			—	47.42	16.75	
GL W LG	—	41.72		—	43.05			36.81	—	30.00		GL W LG	—	—		—	—			—	47.77	16.50	
GL W MD	—	30.00		26.33	28.00			26.50	27.00	15.50		GL W MD	27.00	31.00		—	—			—	32.85	12.25	
GL W SM	23.00	24.50		23.14	24.57			20.00	—	6.50		GL W SM	—	—		—	24.00			—	—	1.00	
GL BR XL	—	—		40.00	41.00			—	—	.50		GL BR XL	37.00	—		—	—			—	43.00	.75	
NRBS - 50	—	34.00		28.80	26.00			—	—	1.25		NRBS - 45	20.00	—		—	—			—	—	2.00	
NRBS - 48	—	—		27.30	28.70			30.83	29.22	16.25		NRBS - 36	—	21.00		—	—			—	—	1.00	
NRBS - 45	—	—		—	—			—	24.00	3.00													
NRBS - 39	21.00	22.50		16.00	18.00			—	18.00	8.50													
NRBS - 36	—	—		—	—			13.83	15.75	3.00													

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS. THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER. NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT - MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED.

NUMBER OF CASES OF EGGS SHIPPED TO CALIFORNIA 05/12/02 - 05/18/02

State	Number Cases Shipped To Northern CA	Number Cases Shipped To Central CA	Number Cases Shipped To Southern CA	Total State
Arizona	0	0	305	305
Colorado	0	1,530	2,544	4,074
Iowa	3,110	11,969	29,094	44,173
Kansas	0	0	850	850
Michigan	0	780	2,626	3,406
Minnesota	0	0	2,385	2,385
Missouri	0	0	2,380	2,380
New Hampshire	0	1,650	810	2,460
Ohio	0	0	5,533	5,533
Oregon	4,448	909	23	5,380
Texas	0	780	1,620	2,400
Utah	1,806	1,480	6,749	10,035
Washington	0	869	0	869
Wisconsin	0	0	780	780
TOTAL	9,364	19,967	55,699	85,030

NEW ENGLAND

PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS, BROWN EGGS LOOSE, AT FARM, CENTS PER DOZEN.

JUMBO	EX-LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
117-120	75-78	64-67	47-50	25-28

HONOLULU, OAHU-WHITE SHELL EGGS

Receipts from the mainland: 5/12/02-5/18/02
30-dozen cases 6,236

Receipts from the mainland: 5/5/02-5/11/02
30-dozen cases 7,046

DETROIT EGGS

PRICES TO FIRST RECEIVERS, CASES INCLUDED, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, 30 DOZEN CASES, WHITE EGGS LOOSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

JUMBO	EX-LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
50-60	43-47	41-46	30-34	23-27

NORTH CAROLINA EGGS

PRICES WEIGHTED AVERAGE, IN SMALL LOTS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, NEARBY RETAIL OUTLET, CENTS PER DOZEN.

EX-LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
67.33	64.33	54.27	46.27

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN

PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
27-30	14-18	6-9

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT-FROZEN EGGS (In Thousands)

ON HAND	05/20/02	05/13/02	05/21/01
PACIFIC COAST	500	565	340
LOS ANGELES	470	530	305

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